

assembly arranged on the inner surface of one of the lateral walls of the cabinet and pivotably linked by means of a sliding hinge mechanism to the inner surface of a top portion of the door fitted into the opening of the cabinet, the fitting case is fitted to said bracket, the movable spring is vertically movable relative to the fitting case containing it and urged downward by the compression springs, the link arm is pivotably linked at the upper end to the movable spring holder by means of the pivot pin, the arm spindle is located in a lower portion of the fitting case, the base section is linked to the lower end of said link arm, the link pin is located closer to the door relative to a vertical axial line connecting said pivot pin and said arm spindle when the swing arm and the extension are oblique relative to each other, whereas said link pin is moved substantially onto said vertical axial line in the initial stages of opening the door linked to the bracket by way of the sliding hinge mechanism and then further away from the door relative to said vertical axial line in the subsequent stages of opening the door until the swing arm and the extension arm are aligned to expand the compression spring and complete the door opening operation.

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25. The cabinet of claim 24 wherein the arm spindle is linked to a rotary shaft of a damper mechanism arranged in the fitting case and designed to exert a damping effect on the closing or closing and opening motion of the door by means of viscous fluid. --

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#### REMARKS

This will confirm several telephone conferences with the Examiner beginning on or about May 7 with respect to the above-identified application. Claim 15 has been rewritten as proposed by the Examiner. As rewritten, claim 15 is believed to

be generic to all of the embodiments of the invention which were non-elected in the parent application. Dependent claims 5-14 have been cancelled and new dependent claims 16-25 substituted therefor. The new dependent claims have been drafted to properly depend from amended claim 15.

In view of the foregoing, early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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